

Meeting Minutes of the ICM Board of Directors;

Thursday, May 26th, 2011 in Winnipeg at Kelvin High School

The meeting was called into order with the following five directors present: Mr. Doustshenas, Ms. Shooshtari, Mr. Azizkhani, Mr. Kamrouz, and Mr. Saleh-Azad at 7:04 pm. Mr. Kermani was absent.

The current meeting's agenda was accepted by all members.

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to accept the current agenda; Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to approve the Board meeting minutes of May 12th, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Kamrouz; Minor corrections; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

Communications and Correspondence:

There was only one email by the ICM member excusing for not be able to attend ICM's volunteer's appreciation day on June 4th, and no voicemail has been received since the last meeting. Two new members are added to our members' list which will add up to 90 in total. Ms. Shooshtari submitted the documents required by the constitution in order to join ICM Board of directors. A letter from her financial institution indicates that she is in good standing and an official receipt confirming that she applied for background check from the Winnipeg Police Service and waiting to hear back from them.

Committees' Reports:

Persian Language Classes (PLC):

PLC has updated its next school year's "registration form" and school's "rules and policies" manual to be given to existing students' parents this Saturday, May 28th, 2011. The deadline to return the registration package would be a week after receiving it. It is decided by this committee to have students' graduation party to take place in the park, in a form of potluck a day after the last day of classes on Sunday, June 12th, 2011. PLC's next school year's budget was presented as a proposal to the Board to be approved.

Events:

At this time, by the number of respondents to the ICM email, although 48 volunteers excluding their partners and children are invited, it is estimated that the number of guests at the volunteers' appreciation party would be around 30 people, but it will be known more accurately by next week. In this event, there will be music, and soft drinks and pizza will be served.

A motion was made by Ms. Shooshtari to hire a supervisor at ICM's volunteers' appreciation day at NKCC on June 4th, 2011 to take care of the children at a cost of \$40, payable from \$400, already approved budget for this event; Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

NEW Business:

A motion was made by Mr. Doustshenas to send an email to ICM's email list requesting nominations for guest of honour at the ICM event; Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Ms. Shoostari to define categories of nomination for any guest of honour recognized once a year at ICM event, which can be Iranian or non-Iranian, who:

- have outstanding achievements;
- have served Iranian community; and
- have significantly contributed to Iranian community;

This person will be eventually chosen among other candidates by the Board; Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

The decision was made by the Board to not to have any guest of honour at ICM's picnic events.

A motion was made by Mr. Kamrouz to host the second ICM AGM at NKCC on June 4th, 2011, between the hours of 5:15 and 7:15, prior to volunteers' appreciation day. Combined budget for both events not to exceed \$550; Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; 3 Approved, 1 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

PLC budget for school year 2011-12 is presented to the Board by its chair, Mr. Kamrouz, with \$75 increase to previous annual tuition fee of \$150 per student, for a grand total of \$4,787.50. This includes a total estimated expenses of \$2150, teachers' payment of \$1,680 (4X\$420), additional costs of \$957.50. Based on the above tuition increase and having 20 students registered, it's estimated that \$4,300 could be collected and showing a deficit of \$487.50. He requested the Board to cover this deficit by paying from PLC's prior year's surplus in order to make the next year's budget balanced.

A motion was made by Mr. Kamrouz to approve the PLC's 2011-12 school year budget as presented by the PLC committee, for total of \$4187.50; Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; Discussions: The budget introduced by PLC is rejected as is, the main reason being PLC cannot start the year with a deficit in its budget, and since the ICM books are closed already. Three other options are introduced and put on vote in order to make the budget balanced: (voting is finalized through email on June 1, 2011)

1. To increase tuition fees by \$75 per student and to allocate \$1,200 from PLC revenues to pay the teachers; 3 Approved, 2 Opposed, and 0 Abstained;
2. To keep the tuition fees and the payments/gifts to teachers as is the case this year; 1 Approved, 3 Opposed, and 0 Abstained;
3. To increase the tuition fees by \$30 per student and to allocate \$900 from PLC revenues to pay the teachers; 2 Approved, 2 Opposed, and 1 Abstained;

Although, the first option is approved by the Board, this budget is sent to PLC for further revisions and final approval by all committee members.

The next meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday June 9th, 2011 at Kelvin High school.

The above meeting was adjourned around 9:55 pm.